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Board Meeting Agenda

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2019
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: History Room - 3rd floor of the St Joseph County Courthouse
125 W Main Street, Centreville, MI 49032

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am
2. Representatives Present/Introductions
 - a. Representatives in attendance: Bomba, Carahaly, Hazelbaker, Morse, Reynolds
 - b. Others in attendance: Jon Start (KATS), Fred Nagler (KATS), Patricia Rayl (Village of Colon)
3. Representatives Excused
 - a. Representatives excused: Frisbie, Kale, Pangle, Woodin
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda, with the addition of item 12e “MAP Membership”, was approved by unanimous consent
5. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes was approved by unanimous consent
6. Public Comments
 - a. Patricia Rayl, Colon Village Manager, introduced herself and expressed interest in SMPC and the services it offers.
7. Acceptance of the Financial Report
 - a. Staff led a discussion of the quarterly financial report.
 - b. The board noted that the date on the report should reflect the quarter rather than the month.
 - c. *Morse made a motion to approve the financial report.*
 - i. Hazelbaker seconded the motion.
 - ii. **The motion carried.**
8. Transportation/KATS Items
 - a. Monthly report
 - i. KATS presented a written and verbal report of their activities in May.
 - b. Review and action on the FY 2020 Transportation Plan
 - i. KATS and staff presented a draft of the 2020 Transportation Plan for the region. The plan was very similar to the 2019 plan with a few tweaks in the allocations from MDOT. The board discussed the details of the plan and the funding mechanism. The board also had general transportation funding question with discussion.
9. Southwest Michigan Prosperity Initiative Update
 - a. Adams and Carahaly led a discussion on the activities of SWMPI. The bulk of the actives centered around the development of a housing toolkit for the region and the initiation of an integrated asset management discussions.
 - i. The housing toolkit will focus on data, best practices, and a housing feasibility model.
 - ii. The integrated asset management discussions are intended to start the process of creating a framework by which asset owners are able communicate and coordinate activities better.
10. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Funding Application
 - a. Discussion of the project

- i. Adams noted that the CEDS expires at the end of the year and SMPC was asked by an EDA rep to apply for funding related to the creation of the CEDS. This renewal of the CEDS is a precursor for the SMPC application for District Organization status.
- ii. The board agreed that we should move in this direction and look to craft a new CEDS.
- b. Authorization to apply for funding
 - i. Morse made a motion to approve the application of EDA funding to produce a new CEDS.
 - 1) Reynolds seconded the motion.
 - 2) **The motion carried.**

11. Local Government Assistance and Planning Activities

- a. Staff gave a broad overview of the planning activities conducted in May.

12. Staff Report/Other:

- a. Workshop Recap and future workshop discussion
 - i. Staff led a discussion in review of the Alternative Energy Workshop. The feedback was positive and the attendees were enthusiastic about additional workshops.
 - ii. Staff wanted to couple the CEDS development and the fall workshop by hosting economic develop workshops that allow staff to receive feedback about the economy and economic development.
- b. Legislative Outreach Update
 - i. Adams and Carahaly have been meeting with state legislators to inform them about SMPC related activities and its vision for the region.
- c. Housing Toolkit update
 - i. Staff incorporated this discussion in Item 9.
- d. Monthly Correspondence
 - i. Attached to the packet.
- e. MAP Membership
 - i. Staff noted that SMPC sponsored memberships for any representative that wanted membership. The board felt that was a worth-while expense again.
 - 1) Bomba made a motion to approve MAP Membership expenses.
 - a) Morse seconded the motion.
 - b) **The motion carried.**

13. Representative Comments

- a. Reynolds mentioned that the SMPC Board has two vacancies that need to be filled. The board discussed priorities for those vacancies.

14. Action: Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm by a motion made by Reynolds

Next Meeting: August 6 in Kalamazoo